



Biotechnology of Specialty Fats

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Introduction

Natural oils and fats: Specific distribution of fatty acids (FAs) in its triacyl glycerols (TAGs)



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Introduction

Fatty acid composition of different types of edible oil

Fatty acids %	Sunflower oil (n=5) Mean ± SD	Soybean oil (n=3) Mean ± SD	Mustard oil (n=5) Mean ± SD	Palm oil (n=3) Mean ± SD	Coconut oil (n=6) Mean ± SD
Caprylic (C _{8:0})	--	--	--	--	6.21 ± 0.34
Capric (C _{10:0})	--	--	--	--	6.15 ± 0.21
Lauric (C _{12:0})	--	--	--	--	51.02 ± 0.71
Myristic (C _{14:0})	--	--	--	1.23 ± 0.28	18.94 ± 0.63
Palmitic (C _{16:0})	6.52 ± 1.75	14.04 ± 0.62	4.51 ± 3.83	41.78 ± 1.27	8.62 ± 0.50
Stearic (C _{18:0})	1.98 ± 1.44	4.07 ± 0.29	2.78 ± 0.59	3.39 ± 0.65	1.94 ± 0.17
Oleic (C _{18:1})	45.39 ± 18.77	23.27 ± 2.43	38.21 ± 21.88	41.90 ± 1.20	5.84 ± 0.50
Linoleic (C _{18:2})	46.02 ± 16.75	52.18 ± 2.64	25.31 ± 5.74	11.03 ± .02	1.28 ± 0.18
Linolenic (C _{18:3})	0.12 ± 0.09	5.63 ± 3.48	11.30 ± 6.09	--	--
Arachidic (C _{20:0})	--	--	10.86 ± 3.29	--	--
Erucic (C _{22:1})	--	--	11.35 ± 13.83	--	--

K. Chowdhury, L. A. Banu, S. Khan and A. Latif, 2007
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Introduction

Fatty acid composition of different types of edible oil


Red Fruit (*Pandanus conoideus*) Oil?

Fatty Acids	Composition (%)
C10:10	0.01
C12:0	0.25
C14:0	0.14
C15:0	0.20
C16:0	23.70
C18:0	0.72
C18:1	79.50
C18:2	4.50
C18:3	3.20
C20:1	0.16



Andarwulan, N., Palupi, N.S and Susanti (2010) Pengembangan Metode Ekstraksi Ekstrak Buah Merah (*Pandanus conoideus* Lam.)

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Introduction : Fat Modification?

Natural or native fats and oils are not always appropriate for the specific application and/or consumers' demands.

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Lipid Modification

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Fats with the right balance of physical, chemical and nutritional characteristics; **suitable for specific application**

= Specialty Fats

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(Bio)technology of Specialty Fats?

(Bio)technology of specialty fats is a fat modification technology for a specific objective, especially to obtain :

- ➔ Fats with specific **physical characteristics**
- ➔ Fats with specific **chemical characteristics**
- ➔ Fats with specific **nutritional characteristics**

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(Bio)technology of Specialty Fats?

OVERALL ..(bio)technology of specialty fats may have a specific objective to:

- Improve oxidative stability
- Alter the melting properties
- Alter the crystallization properties
- Improve nutritional properties
- Improve health functionality

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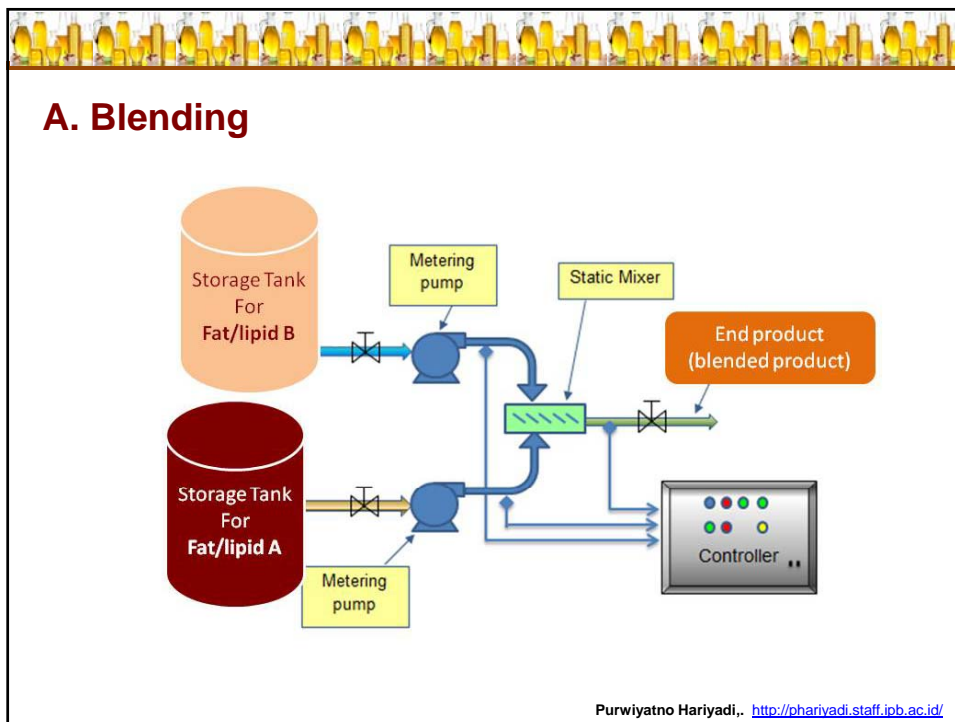
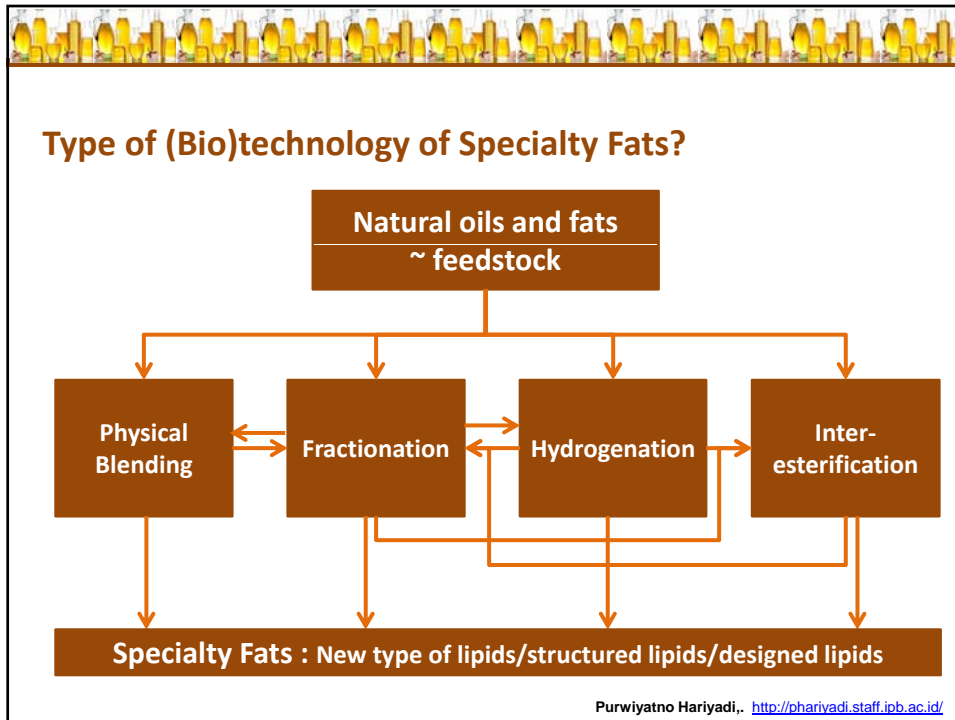


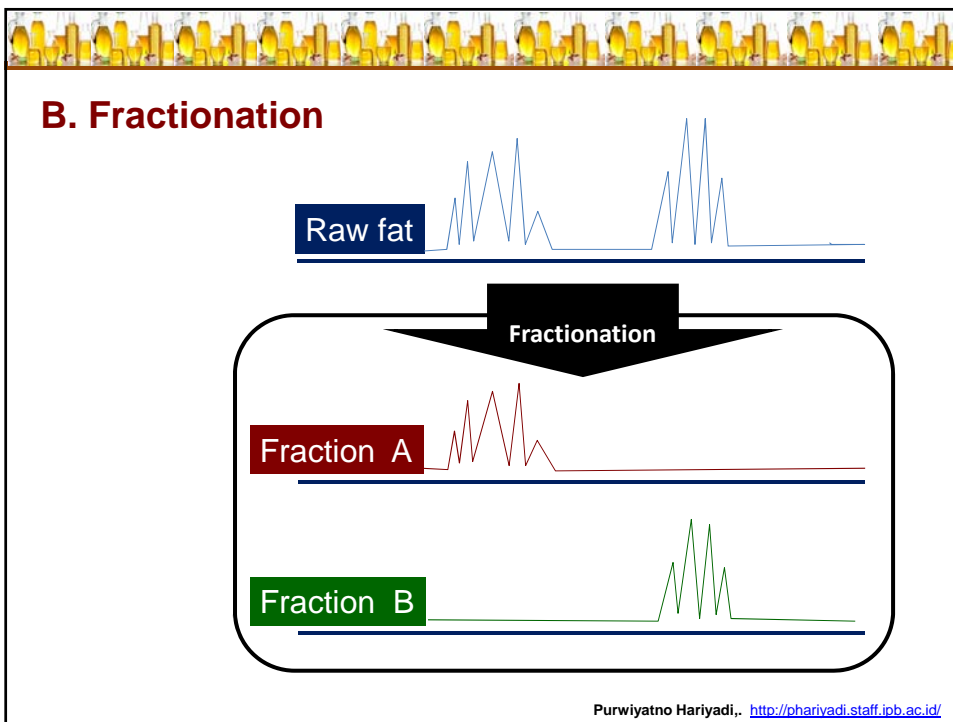
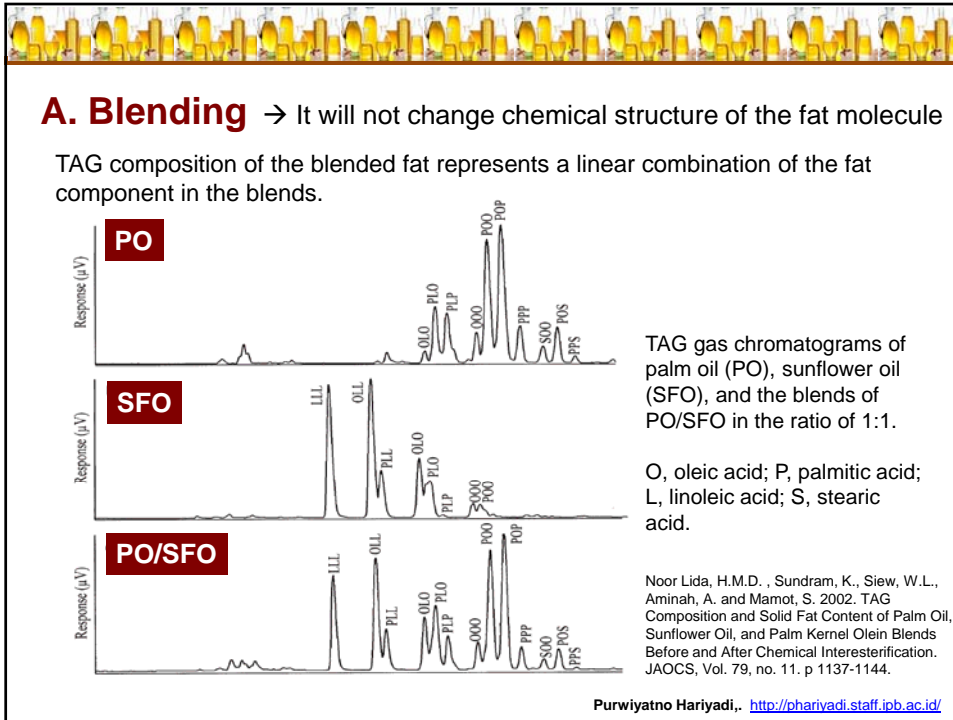
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OVERALL ..(bio)technology of specialty fats may have a specific objective to:

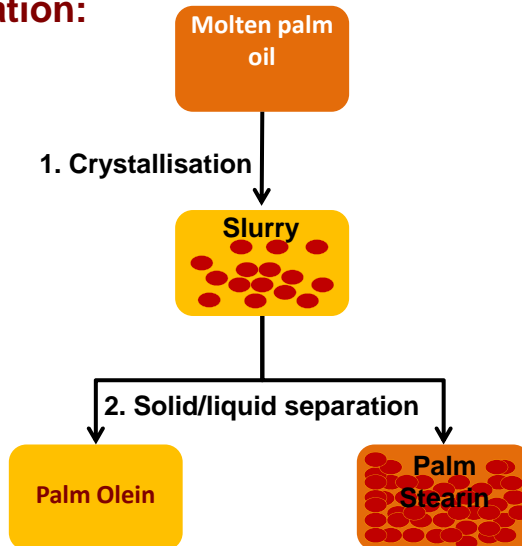
- Produce **special** of specialty fats : **structured lipid**
 - Structured lipids (often called as designed lipids) are lipids specifically designed to have special molecular structure to perform special applications :
 - (1) medical applications (functional foods), and
 - (2) food application

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B. Fractionation: Principles

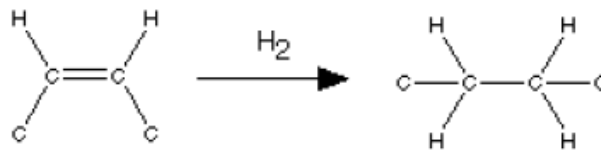


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C. HYDROGENATION

Hydrogenation, addition of hydrogens to the double bonds of unsaturated fatty acids.



Hydrogenation process :

1. Saturation of double bonds
2. Migration of double bonds, and
3. Trans-fatty acid formation

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C. HYDROGENATION

Hydrogenation has two purposes.

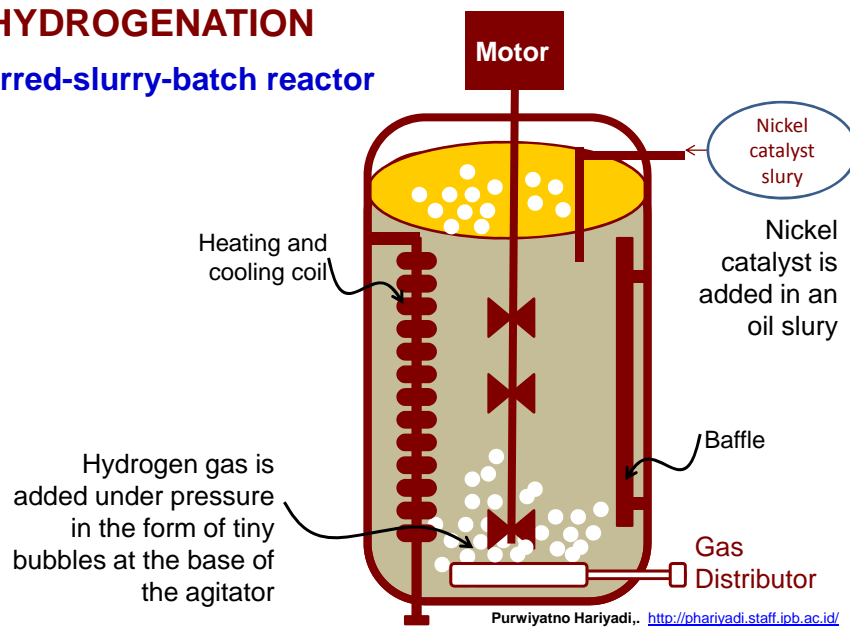
1. To impart oxidative stability to the oil.
2. To convert converts the liquid oil into a semi-solid or solid fat.

A typical example of hydrogenation is in the process of margarine and shortening production.

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C. HYDROGENATION

Stirred-slurry-batch reactor



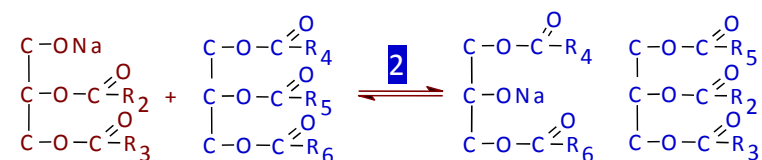
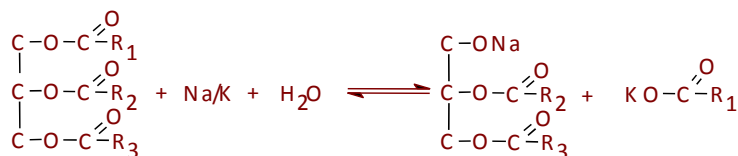
Interesterification

D. INTERESTERIFICATION

- Interesterification is an acyl-arrangement reaction.
 - Distribution of FAs is randomized on the glycerol backbone.
 - Altered triacylglycerol composition
 - Increased triacylglycerol species.
 - Affect the physical characteristics of the oil or fat, including melting and crystallization.

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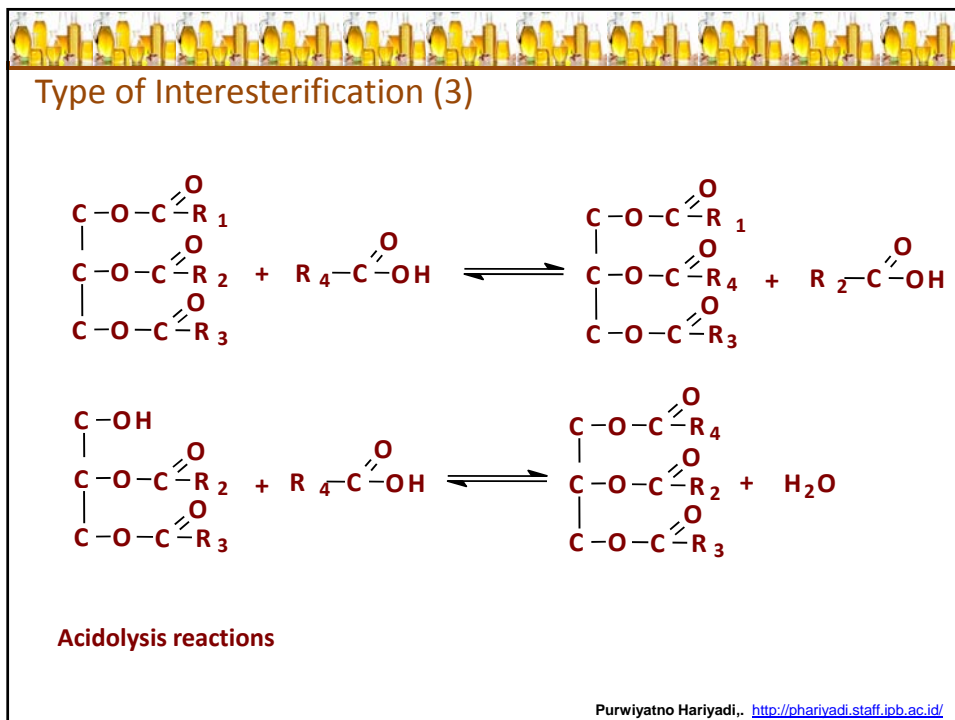
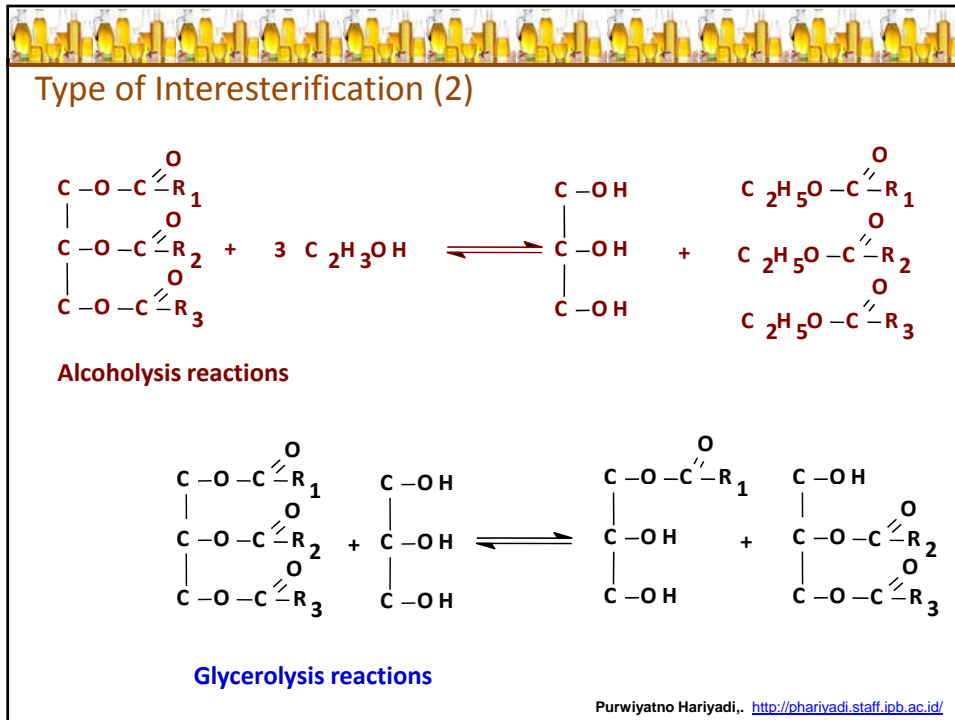
Type of Interesterification (1)




Ester exchange/interchange :

(1) Intramolecular rearrangement, (2) Intermolecular rearrangement.

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→ INTERESTERIFICATION is a much more powerful tool than blending of different oils or fats.

→ Interesterification vs. Hydrogenation (margarine and spread production)


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The triacylglycerols composition of natural and interesterified milk fat

Triacylglycerols (TAGs)	Native	Intesterified
C22	-	0.1
C24	0.3	0.8
C26	0.1	1.4
C28	0.6	1.5
C30	0.9	1.3
C32	1.9	2.0
C34	4.4	3.0
C36	9.5	5.9
C38	13.1	9.1
C40	12.1	9.9
C42	7.7	7.6
C44	6.8	8.3
C46	7.5	10.7
C48	8.8	12.8
C50	11.2	14.2
C52	10.8	10.9
C54	4.6	0.4


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Interesterification Changes Melting Point of fats

Fat	Melting Point (°F)	
	Before IE	After IE
<i>Soybean oil</i>	19.4	41.9
<i>Cottonseed oil</i>	50.9	93.2
<i>Coconut oil</i>	78.8	82.8
<i>Palm oil</i>	10.7	116.6
<i>Lard</i>	109.4	109.4
<i>Tallow</i>	115.2	112.3
<i>40% hydrog. Cottonseed oil + 60% coconut oil</i>	136.0	106.0
<i>75% soybean oil + 25% tristearin</i>	140.0	90.0
<i>25% hydrog. PO + 75% hydrog. PKO</i>	122.3	104.5

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- ... SPESIFIC OBJECTIVES OF INTERESTERIFICATION (IE)**
- Production of triglycerides with specific fatty acid composition and stereospecific distribution, i.e. tailor made fats and oils = structured lipids.
 - Production of dietetic fats, i.e. fats are upgraded by the incorporation of polyunsaturated/essential fatty acids.
 - Production of high value fats : CBS, CBE, CBX
 - Production of specific material :
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Two important types of Interesterification (IE) are used :

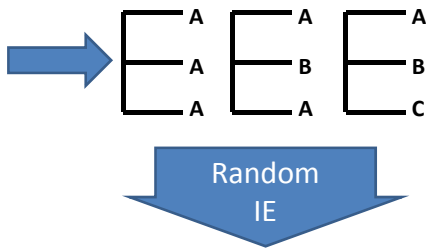
- Random interesterification
- Directed interesterification

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1. Random Interesterification (1)

Triacylglycerol (TAG) molecules in fats and oils can be either made up of a single fatty acid (FA) species or any combination of up to three different FAs



$$\begin{matrix} \text{E} & \text{E} & \text{E} \\ \text{A} & \text{A} & \text{A} \\ \text{A} & \text{B} & \text{B} \\ \text{A} & \text{A} & \text{C} \end{matrix}$$

Random IE

$$\begin{aligned} \% \text{AAA} &= a^3/10000 \\ \% \text{AAB} &= 3a^2b/10000 \\ \% \text{ABC} &= 6abc/10000 \end{aligned}$$

a , b and c are the concentrations of fatty acids A, B and C (mol. %).
AAA, AAB and ABC are mono-, di-, and tri acid TAG, respectively.

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1. Random Interesterification (2)

Case of 1-stearoyl-2-oleoyl-3-linoleoyl glycerol

$$\begin{matrix} \text{S} & \text{S} & \text{S} \\ | & | & | \\ \text{E} & \text{E} & \text{E} \\ | & | & | \\ \text{O} & \text{O} & \text{O} \\ | & | & | \\ \text{L} & \text{L} & \text{L} \end{matrix}$$

Random IE

SSS = 3.7%	SOO = 11.1%
OOO = 3.7%	SLL = 11.1%
LLL = 3.7%	OOL = 11.1%
SSO = 11.1%	OLL = 11.1%
SSL = 11.1%	SOL = 22.2%

S = stearic, O = oleic, and L = linoleic

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1. Random Interesterification (3)


Case of Interesterification of a binary mixture (50/50) of AAA and BBB triacylglycerols :

$$\begin{matrix} \text{A} & \text{B} \\ | & | \\ \text{E} & \text{E} \\ | & | \\ \text{A} & \text{B} \\ | & | \\ \text{A} & \text{B} \end{matrix}$$

Random IE

$\begin{matrix} \text{A} \\ \\ \text{A} \\ \\ \text{A} \end{matrix}$	+	$\begin{matrix} \text{A} \\ \\ \text{A} \\ \\ \text{B} \end{matrix}$	+	$\begin{matrix} \text{A} \\ \\ \text{B} \\ \\ \text{A} \end{matrix}$	+	$\begin{matrix} \text{B} \\ \\ \text{A} \\ \\ \text{B} \end{matrix}$	+	$\begin{matrix} \text{B} \\ \\ \text{B} \\ \\ \text{A} \end{matrix}$	+	$\begin{matrix} \text{B} \\ \\ \text{B} \\ \\ \text{B} \end{matrix}$
Eq. composition :	12,5%	25%	12,5%	12,5%	25%	12,5%				

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2. Directed Interesterification (1)

Directed IE:

IE reaction directed away from its usually random end-point, directed toward a specific fats or oils of interest.

- Physical method, and
- Enzymatic methods.

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2. Directed Interesterification (1)

Physical methods :

- Allowing a certain fats/oils to crystallize during reactions
- Removing part of crystallized triglycerides from the reaction mixture
- Allowing the IE reaction to continue at liquid phase


→ Thus selective crystallization of a fat or mixed fats may be directed to the effective conversion of all the saturated fatty acids to trisaturated triglycerides.

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2. Directed Interesterification (1)

Physical methods :

Case of
1-stearoyl-2-oleoyl-3-linoleoyl
glycerol



Solids	SSS	33.33 mol %
Liquids	OOO	8.33 mol %
	LLL	8.33 mol %
	OOL	24.99 mol %
	OLL	24.99 mol %


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2. Directed Interesterification (1)

May occur without the aid of a catalyst, but

1. Very high temperature (300°C) is required
2. Reaction proceeds to equilibrium very slowly (long period of reaction is required)
 - Triglycerides undergo some decomposition and polymerization, and there will be development of free fatty acids.

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2. Directed Interesterification (2) ... Chemical Catalysis

CATALYSTS

Numerous compounds have been identified as catalyst for Interesterification at lower temperature (see Table in the next Slide).


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2. Directed Interesterification (2) ... Chemical Catalysis

CATALYSTS	Level (%)	Temp. (°C)	Time
Metal salts Acetates, carbonates, chlorides, nitrates, oxides of Sn, Zn, Fe, Co and Pb	0.1-2	120-260	0.5-6 h under vacuum
Alkali hydroxides NaOH, KOH, LiOH	0.5-2	250	1.5 h under vacuum
Alkali hydroxide + glycerol	0.05-0.1 } 0.1-0.2 }	60-160	30-45 min under vacuum
Metal soaps Sodium stearate Glyceride Li Al stearate Na Ti stearate	0.5-1 0.2	250	1 h under vacuum
Alkali metals Na, K, Na/K alloy	0.1-1	25-270	3-120 min
Metal alkylates Sodium methylate, ethylate, t-butylate etc	0.2-2	50-120	5-120 min
Metal hydrides Sodium hydride	0.2-2	170	3-120 min
Metal amide Sodium amide	0.1-1.2	80-120	10-60 min

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2. Directed Interesterification (3) ... Enzymatic

Enzymes have advantages for industrial processing.

- Mild conditions
- Reduced waste.
- High specificity :
 - directed reaction (specific products produced)
 - increase yield by reducing unintended reactions.

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2. Directed Interesterification (3) ... Enzymatic

..... (1) Lipase Specificity ?

I. Substrate :

- a) Different rates of lipolysis of TAG, DAG and MAG by the same enzyme
- b) Different rates of esterification of TAG, DAG and MAG by the same enzyme

II. Positional:


- a) Primary esters,
- b) Secondary esters and
- c) All three esters, non-specific or random hydrolysis

III. Fatty acid: Preference for fatty acids, e.g. short chain, etc.

IV. Stereospecificity: Faster hydrolysis of one primary sn ester as compared to the other.

V. Combinations of I-IV

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2. Directed Interesterification (3) ... Enzymatic

..... (2) Lipase Specificity ?

Type of specificity	Source of lipase	Reaction
I. Substrate		
a. Different acylglycerols: Same lipase	Pancreas	TG>DG>MG 16:0-16:0-4:0>16:0-4:0-4:0
b. Different lipases: for TG, DG and MG	Postheparin plasma (lipoprotein lipase)	DG →MG → glycerol
II. Positional		
a. Primary esters	Pancreas	TG →1,2(2,3)DG → 2-MG
b. Secondary esters	<i>Geotrichum candidum</i>	Acid must contain cis-9-double bond
c. All esters	<i>Candida cylindracea</i>	TG →1,2+2,3+1,3DG → 1- +2-MG
III. Fatty Acid		
a. 4:0-10:0	Pregastric esterase	4:0-10:0>12:0-18:0,18:1
b. cis-9-unsaturation	<i>G. candidum</i>	Acid must contain cis-9- double bond
c. 8:0-12:0	Rat and human lingual preparations	8:0-12:0>16:0, 18:1

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2. Directed Interesterification (3) ... Enzymatic

..... (3) Lipase Specificity ?

Type of specificity	Source of lipase	Reaction
IV. Stereospecificity		
a. Sn-1-ester	Postheparin plasma, bovine and human milks, adipose tissue, liver (lipoprotein lipase)	sn-1:sn-3,2:1
b. Sn-3-ester	Rat and human lingual preparations; termite	sn-3:sn:1,4:1
V. Combinations		
a. Fatty acid and stereospecificities	Rat lingual preparations Human milk lipoprotein lipase	Sn-R-R ^a -12:0>sn-R-R-16:0 8:0, 10:0, 12:0 and 18:0 TG>16:0-16:0-16:0. sn-1:sn-3,2:

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2. Directed Interesterification (4) ... Enzymatic in Organic Solvent

Suitability of solvents for supporting enzymatic esterification reaction

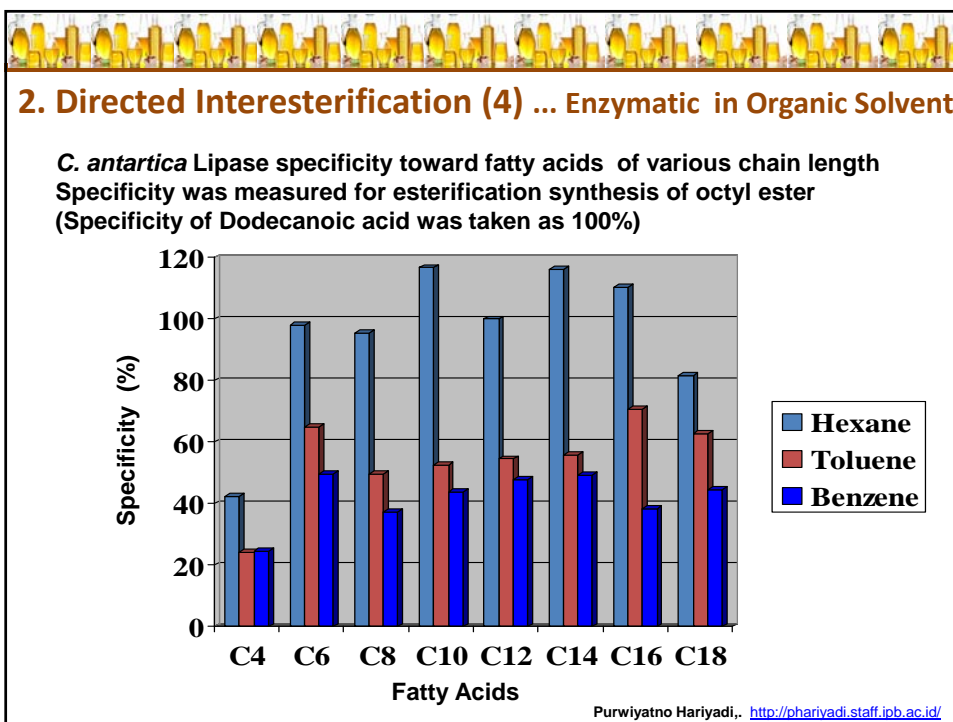
Acetonitrile (Log P : -0,33)
 Acetone (Log P : -0,23)
 Tetrahydrofuran (Log P : 0,49)
 Chloroform (Log P : 2,0)

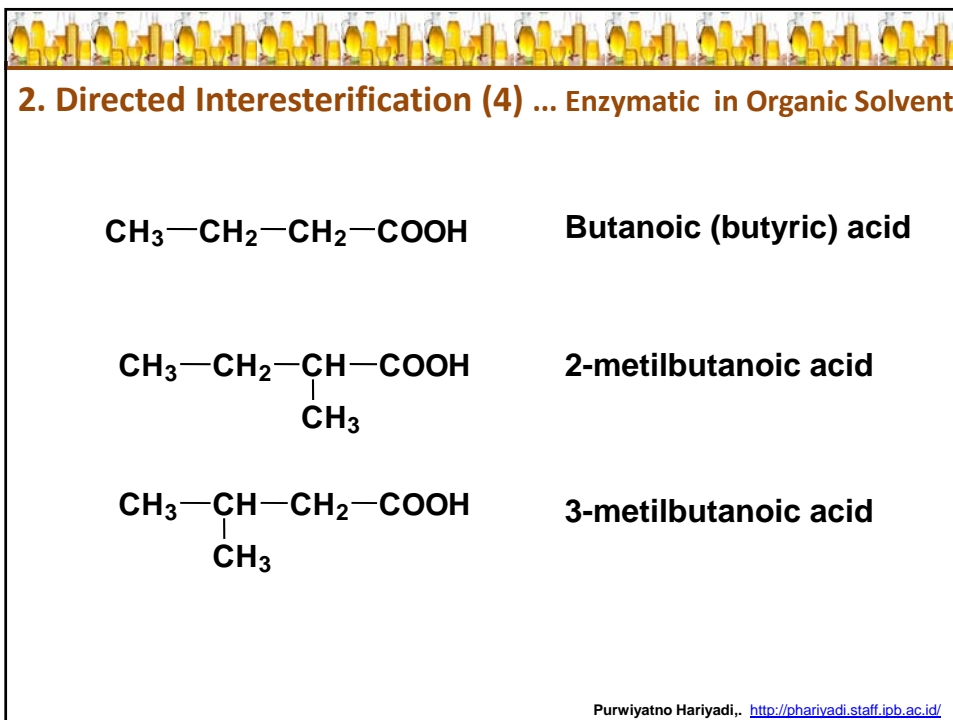
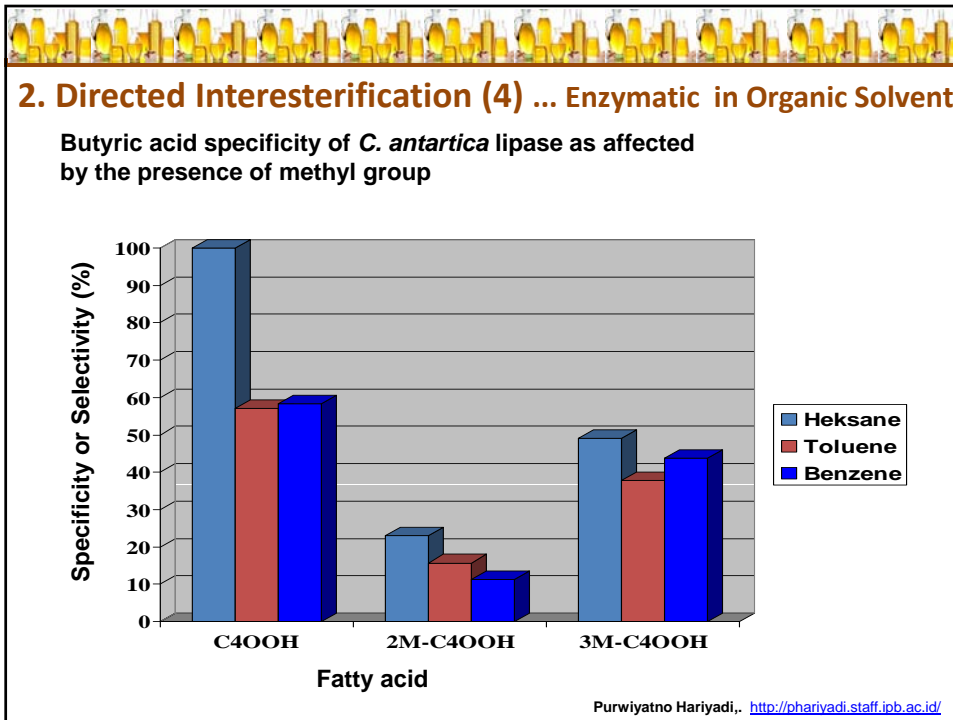
Not supportive for esterification reaction

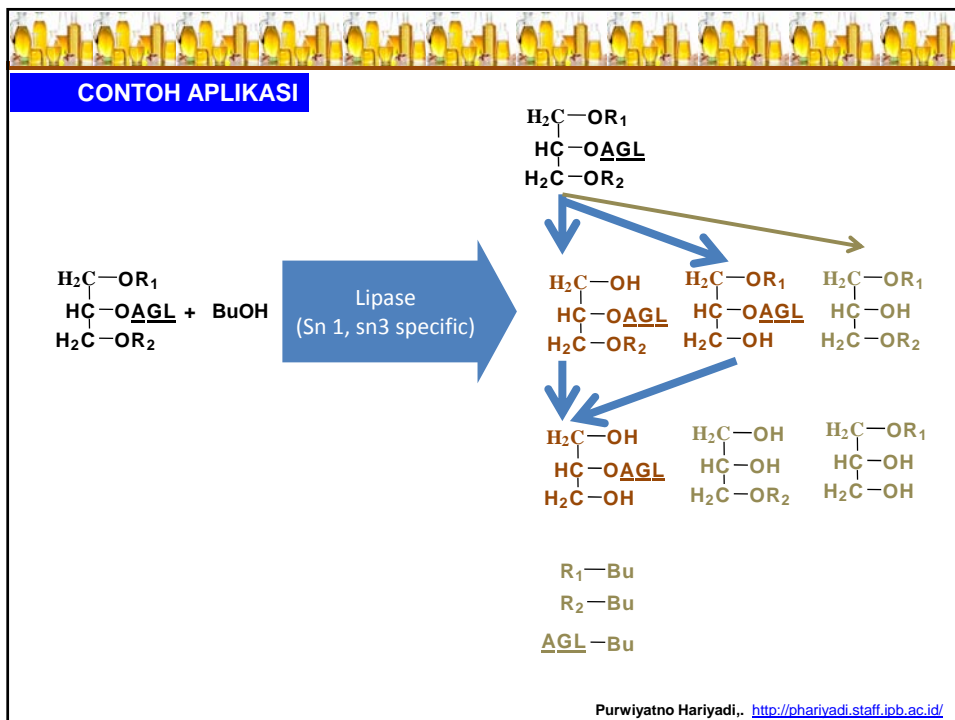
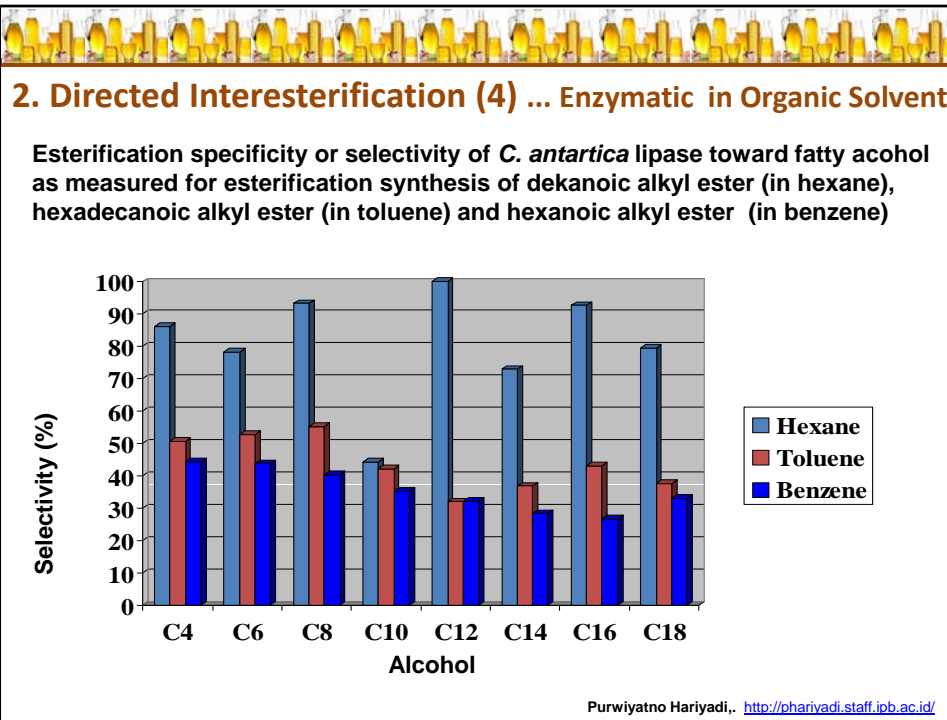
Benzene (Log P : 2,0)
 Toluene (Log P : 2,5)
 Hexane (Log P : 3,5)
 Decane (Log P : 5,6)

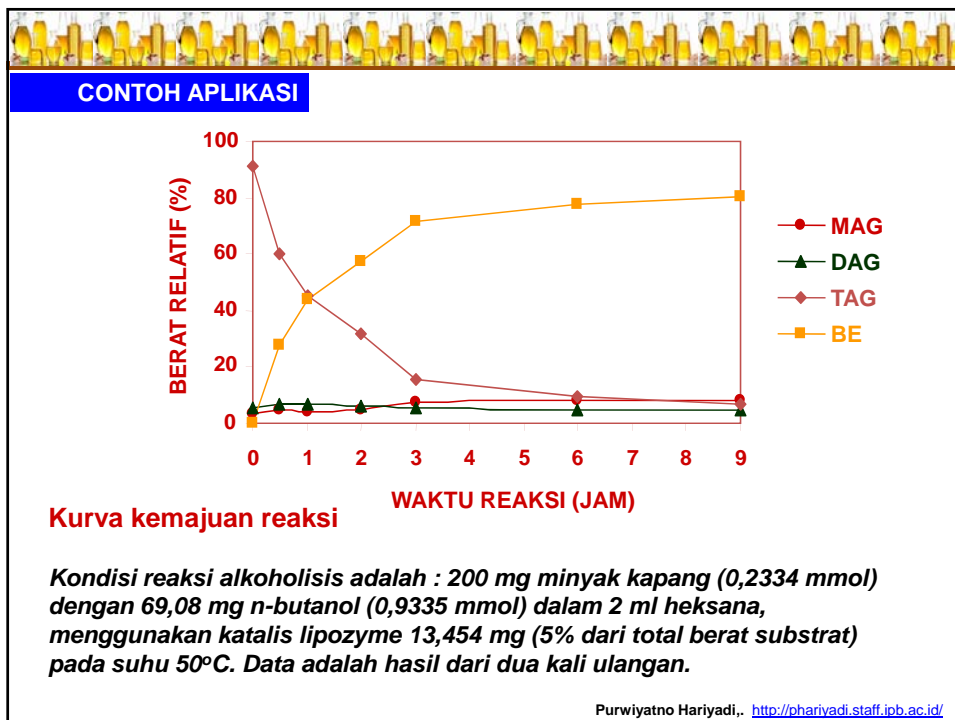
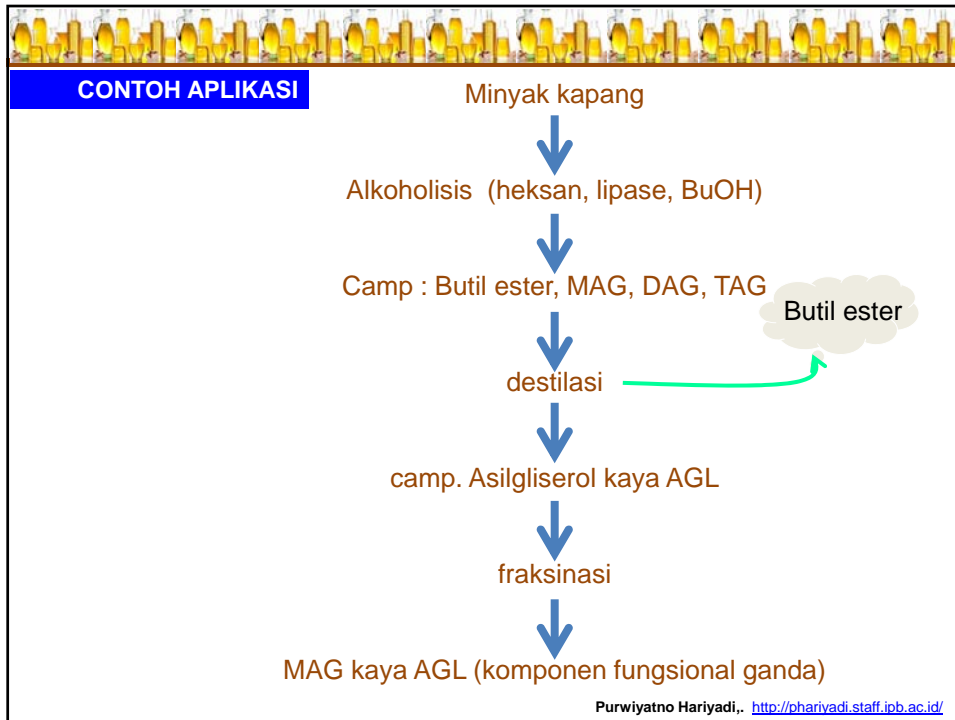
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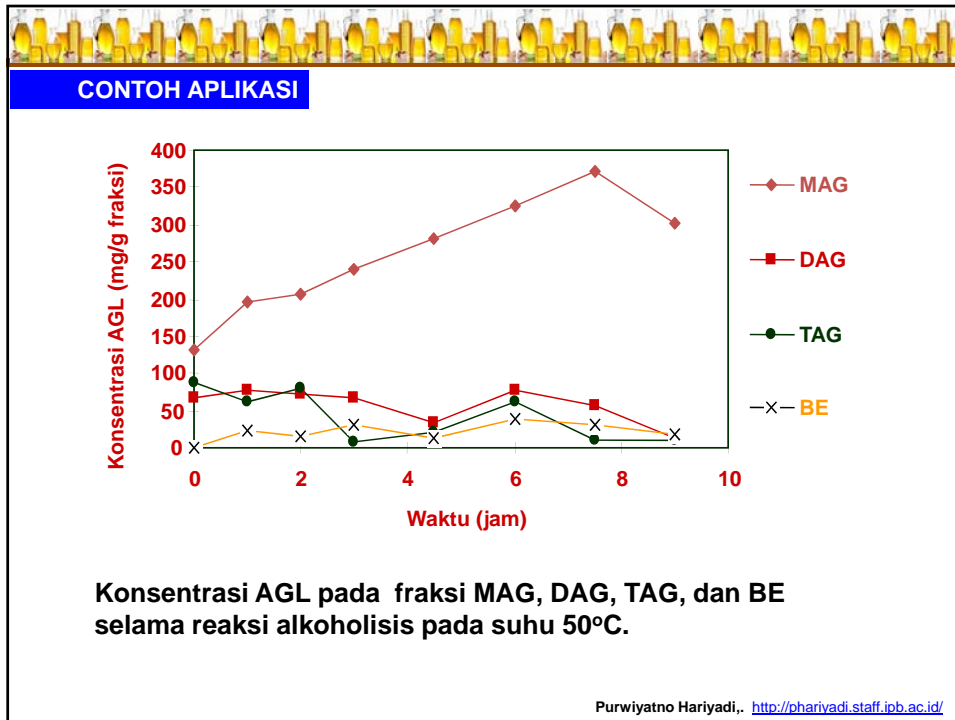
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CONTOH APLIKASI

KONSENTRAT AGL DARI MINYAK KAPANG : PROSES "OPTIMUM"

Enzim	:	Lipozyme (<i>R. miehei</i>) (kadar air: 9,65%, a_w : 0,42, pH :4,0)
Konsentrasi enzim	:	2% (w/w)
Alkohol	:	n-butanol
Nisbah Molar	:	minyak kapang/BuOH (1:1)
Suhu	:	50 C
Waktu	:	6 jam
Konsentrat	:	
Camp asilgliserol	:	31,82%(w/w)
Kandungan AGL	:	205,72 mg/g (pemekatan 2,5 kali)*
Monoasilgliserol (MAG)	:	11,45%(w/w)
kandungan AGL	:	324,60% mg/g (pemekatan 3,9 kali)

* kandungan AGL pada minyak kapang = 82,32 mg/g

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Example of Specialty Fats? ... (1)

Neobee SL220™ (produced by Stepan Co., Maywood, NJ):
Structured lipids containing n-6 and n-3 FA as well as a
small amount of medium-chain FA

Neobee 1827™ (Stepan Co., Maywood, NJ):
structured lipids containing medium-chain FA and fatty
acid from sunflower oil

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Example of Specialty Fats? ... (2)

Benefat™ (Cultor Food Science Inc., NY) ; Salatrim.

Salatrim (originally developed by Nabisco, Inc.) = Short and long acyltriglyceride molecule is a family of TAG constituting mixtures of long- and short-chain saturated FA randomly esterified to glycerol.

Low-cal fats : 5 Kcal/g (vs. 9 Kcal/g for typical fats)

Short-chain FA used are acetic, propionic, and butyric acids, long-chain FA is stearic acid


Used in chocolate confectionery products & baked goods

Physical properties = f(composition of FA's esterified)

It has low flash point : cannot be used as frying fat

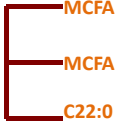
It doesn't mold well

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Example of Specialty Fats? ... (3)

Caprenin® (Procter & Gamble Co., Cincinnati, OH)



- Randomly structured lipid containing behenic acid (C22:0) obtained from hydrogenated rapeseed oil and two medium-chain fatty acid (caprylic and capric) from Coconut Oil (CO) and Palm Kernel Oil (PKO)
- Low-calorie fats → calorie content : 4 kcal/g
- Originally created to mimic cocoa butter

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Example of Specialty Fats? ... (4)a


Betapol® - a targeted structured lipid (Unilever)

Structured lipid having similar fatty acids distribution with human milk fat

Produced by acydolysis of tripalmitin with unsaturated FA (to give TAG with up to 60% of palmitic acid at the sn-2 position)

Improved fat and calcium absorption (increase production of energy and improved bone mineral density in infant) most likely to be used in infant formula

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Example of Specialty Fats? ...(4)b ...notes

Betapol® - as Infant Formula

- Palmitic acid is the most abundant saturated FA in human milk
- About 70% of palmitic acid in human milk fat are at the sn-2 position
- > 80% of palmitic acid in vegetable oil are at sn-1 and sn-3 position
- Palmitic acid in vegetable oil-based formula is hydrolyzed from the glycerol backbone by pancreatic lipase :
 - Free palmitic acid may form insoluble calcium soap and excreted with the feces
 - Unnecessary loss of dietary energy and calcium

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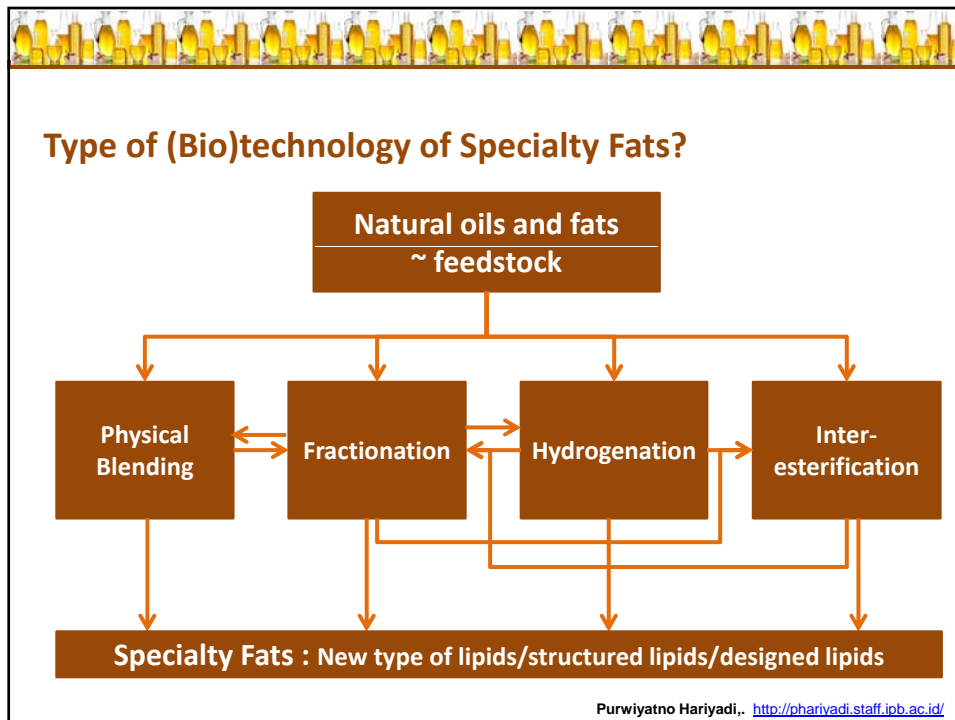


Example of Specialty Fats? ...(5)

Laurical™ (Cargene Inc., Davis, CA)

- Laurical is a targeted structured lipid created by genetic modification to produce high-laurate canola
- Canola oil normally does not contain lauric acid
- Bioengineered canola containing 40% lauric acid is now available >> Laurical™

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